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Lockdown 4.0: No entry for visitors from 4 States

Karnataka restricts people from COVID-19 hotspots of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Kerala till May 31

Bengaluru, May 18 (KMS & BCT)- After making up its mind to open up lockdown curbs in Karnataka, the State Government, in a sudden move this morning, announced that it has banned the entry of visitors from States like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu to its territory till May 31.

Incidentally, among the 84 new cases of COVID-19 that were confirmed by the State Health Department this morning, 56 had recently returned from Mumbai. Yesterday too, 40 among those who tested positive were with recent travel history to Mumbai. The trend of high COVID-19 patients with travel histories to Mumbai was seen from Friday itself and this prompted the Government to seal its borders from four States, sources said.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa held a meeting with State Ministers and Senior Government Officers to discuss the guidelines issued by the Centre regarding the fourth phase of nationwide lockdown. The meeting was held at Vidhana Soudha here. Later, the CM announced the entry ban.

CM B.S. Yediyurappa addressing reporters after meeting his Ministers and Senior Officers at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru this morning.

It is unclear, however, if people from these States will be allowed to transit through Karnataka and if those who have already procured travel passes will be allowed. "We have decided not to allow people from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu till May 31, but allow in stages," Yediyurappa told reporters.

"We have taken a decision keeping in mind the spike in COVID-19 cases in our State and mostly among those with domestic travel history as compared to those transmitted through contacts or international travellers," the CM said.

The Centre yesterday extended the ongoing COVID-induced nationwide lockdown till May 31, but with a set of new relaxations commencing today. The Ministry of Home Affairs also gave powers to States and UTs to demarcate areas in Green, Orange and Red Zones, which will allow them to start activities except in Containment Zones.

According to the guidelines, "all other activities will be permitted except those which are specifically prohibited under these guidelines. However, in Containment Zones, only essential activities shall be allowed, as mentioned earlier."

(See NO ENTRY on page 6)

Guidelines till May 31

- All Government buses to run from tomorrow
- No buses in Containment and Red Zones
- Only 30 passengers per bus
- Private buses too allowed
- Autorickshaws, taxis permitted
- Only three people in autos, taxis including driver
- Total lockdown on Sundays
- No permission for malls, cinemas
- Only parcel service in hotels
- Bars, lodges, resorts closed
- Salons, parlours can open
- Trains within Karnataka to operate
- Parks open from 7 am to 7 pm
- Daily night curfew from 7 pm to 7 am
- Roadside vending permitted
- Sports activities allowed but not gymnasiums

Mumbai link haunts Mysuru, Mandya and Kodagu Districts

Mandya reports 17 COVID-19 positive cases today, Mysuru and Kodagu one each

Mysuru / Mandya / Madikeri, May 18 (BCT)- Karnataka reported the highest single-day spike in COVID-19 cases this morning as 84 fresh cases surfaced in the past 24 hours pushing the tally to 1,231.

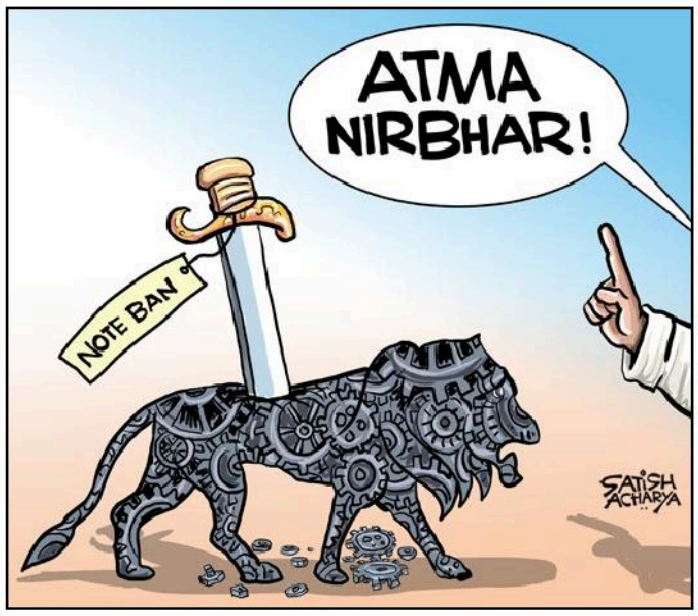
Apart from 18 fresh cases in Bengaluru Urban District, Mandya recorded 17 cases, Mysuru and Kodagu recorded one case each. A majority of the 84 persons who have tested positive today had returned to Karnataka from neighbouring States. In today's list of cases, 16 persons of the total 18 cases reported from Bengaluru Urban are the secondary contacts of P-653.

Mandya is the worst affected district with 17 cases this morning and yesterday evening, the Karnataka's Sugar Bowl reported 22 cases. Within the worst-hit Mandya, the K.R. Pet taluk has over 30 cases with a travel history to Mumbai. After the inter-District and inter-State travel was opened up, hundreds of people from K.R. Pet, who were working in Mumbai and other places in Maharashtra, have returned to their hometown.

At Mysuru: After reporting no fresh positive cases for 18 consecutive days and after successfully curing 90 cases, Mysuru reported one positive case this morning. A person in K.R. Nagar tested positive when he was under quarantine. He has a travel history of Mumbai. After returning from Mumbai on a bike, three persons travelled from K.R. Pet in Mandya to Bherya in K.R. Nagar.

(See HAUNTS on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



Donations pour in for COVID Fund; Grocery kits distribution continues

GROCERY KITS WORTH RS. 2 LAKH DISTRIBUTED: ***41 Club Forever 156 and Mysore Amity Ladies Circle 108 came together in the tough COVID times and distributed 300 grocery kits totalling to 4,260 kgs. Each kit contains Rice (1,500 kg), Horsegram (300 kgs), Toordal (300 kgs), Chilly Powder (30 kgs), Salt (300 kgs), Wheat Flour (750 kgs), Ragi Flour (750 kgs) and Oil (300 litres). Tr. Suraj of MART-156 helped in arranging the kits. The kits were distributed in various parts of Mysuru — Srinagar, Raghavendranagar, Kalyanagiri, Vidyanagar, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, Nanjangud Road and Yaraganahalli New Extension. The cost involved was Rs.2,00,000. Picture shows Ajith Pai and 41ner Y.R. Rajesh inspecting the distribution of the kits at the site.***

TEAM MYSURU DISTRIBUTES FREE MEDICINES: ***Members of Team Mysuru are seen distributing medicines free of cost to those in financial crisis at Karimariyamma Community Hall in Ittigegud. The medicines were distributed after collecting the doctor's prescription of the needy. MCC Health Officer Dr. Nagaraj, BJP City President Srivatsa, Nazarbad Inspector Srikanth and others were present.***

DISTRICT GOVT. EMPLOYEES ASSN. EXTENDS FINANCIAL HELP: ***Karnataka State Government Employees Association, District Branch's Immediate Past State President and District President H.K. Ramu seen handing over a cheque for Rs. 10,000 to the wife of Revenue Inspector H.R. Gowrish, who passed away recently. Gowrish was deployed at the COVID-19 Screening Check-Post in the district border. Hon. President R. Balakrishna, Secretary J. Govindaraju, Treasurer C.S. Ramesh Kumar, Vice-President D. Anand, Kushalnagar Branch President Prasanna Kumar and Taluk Office's Pradeep were present.***

KALANIKETHANA ART SCHOOL DISTRIBUTES GROCERY KITS TO ARTISTS: ***Shree Kalanikethana School of Art, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, in association with Mysuru Nagarika Vedike, distributed grocery kits to 25 artists. Senior artist S.M. Jambukeshwar and Principal K.C. Mahadevashetty distributed kits in the presence of lecturers C. Chikkanna, Parameshwara, Vittala Reddy and Mallikarjun.***

MALABAR CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS PM CARES FUND: ***Malabar Gold and Diamonds has extended its helping hand by contributing towards PM CARES Fund to fight against COVID-19. On behalf of Malabar Group Chairman M.P. Ahammed, North Zonal Head N.K. Jishad is seen handing over a cheque for Rs. 1 crore to V. Muraleedharan, Union Minister of External and Parliamentary Affairs recently.***

CO-OP. FEDERATION DONATES RS. 10.50 LAKH TO CM'S COVID RELIEF FUND: ***President of Federation of Karnataka State Credit Co-operative Societies K. Lalitha seen handing over a cheque for Rs. 10 lakh and another cheque for Rs. 50,000 (honararium given to the President) to District and Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar towards Chief Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund recently as Directors Jayakrishnegowda, Krishnamurthy, Mahendra Kumar, Maaregowda, Narendra and CEO Ashalatha look on.***

ELDERLY WOMAN DONATES RS. 1 LAKH TOWARDS PM AND CM FUNDS: ***A.V. Nagaratna, a resident of Kuvempunagar in Mysuru, handed over two cheques for Rs.50,000 each towards PM CARES and CM Relief Funds, to MLA S.A. Ramdas. The 78-year-old woman had telephoned the MLA asking if he could come home and collect the donations. Responding to the same, Ramdas who visited the lady's house collected the cheques and also took her blessings. Corporator Shivakumar, B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels, BJP leaders Shantaveerappa, Hemanth and Upendra were present on the occasion.***

JAIN YUVAS CONTINUE GROCERY SUPPLY: ***Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan, Mysuru, distributed grocery kits to 510 needy family members at Tilak Nagar, K.G. Koppal and Jayanagar areas in city and Mahadevapura in Srirangapatna taluk. A total of 225 kits were distributed on May 10 at Tilaknagar area in the presence of MLA L. Nagendra and Corporator Rangaswamy. A total of 175 kits were distributed at K.G. Koppal and Jayanagar areas in the presence of Corporator Shivakumar on May 11. Another 110 kits were distributed to the villagers of Mahadevapura in Srirangapatna taluk on May 12. Earlier, they had also distributed 400 kits at B.M. Sri Nagar in Metagalli and at Krishnaraja Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas' office premises. Each kit contains daily essential grocery including rice, ragi flour, dal, edible oil, etc. Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatan President Rajan Baghmar, Past President Budhmal Baghmar, Vice-President Manohar Sankhla, Co-ordinator Navarathan Darla, Goutham Gandhi, Mahaveer Dhoka, Bharath Bhandari, Goutham Patva, Kamalkishore Lodha, Gudadmal Khabiya, Mahaveer Khabiya, Padam Sancheti, Dinesh Ranka, Suresh Darla, Jambu Lodha, Prakash Gandhi and Deepak Bantia were present.***

VOICE OF THE READER

City Corporation moves with online property tax collection system

Sir,

After much hue and cry, MCC has finally triggered the online property tax collection from this financial year. However, a public notification would have been better for the information of tax-payers. Still, the MCC Zonal Offices are busy with the initial hiccups of the software and are sorting out the same successfully.

Property holders are asked to produce the previous year's tax paid challan copy, Corporation or MUDA-approved plan and the Completion Report (CR) given thereof. With these particulars, the concerned Zonal Offices will generate a single page challan and at the first instance, property holders are required to pay through cash or by cheque.

A Property Identification Number (PID No.) is generated which as per MCC can be used from subsequent years to remit tax online. Still at MCC Zonal Office 5 in Metagalli, the system had a bug and cheque payment was not reckoned, which was sorted out later.

Revenue Supervisors Siddarth and his team were guiding the public and seen helping people and my special thanks to him. Only hitch is the bank time should synchronise with MCC Zonal Office timings, which can also be taken care of in coming days. Finally, MCC moves with online system of property tax collection !

— Vijay Hemmige

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MCC presents Rs.7.36 crore surplus budget

- Rs.10 lakh each earmarked for 65 Wards to fight COVID
- D. Devaraj Urs Road to be developed at a cost of Rs. 5 crore
- Rs. 4 crore for construction of multi-level parking lots

Mysuru, May 18 (RKB&DM)- After a delay of nearly two months due to the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) presented a Rs.7.36 crore surplus budget for the year 2020-21.

Reading out the budget at the MCC Budget Council Meeting held at its Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Hall here this morning, K. Nirmala, Chairperson of the MCC's Standing Committee on Finance, Taxation and Appeals, said that the MCC has recorded a surplus budget of Rs.7.36 crore, with earnings standing at Rs. 878.79 crore and expenditure at Rs. 871.43 crore.

Pointing out that the MCC had expected a revenue of Rs. 157.25 crore from Property Tax, Khata transfer and Khata certificate fees, Nirmala said that the MCC was able to collect only Rs.129.35 crore till March 2020 end and hopes to collect the remaining in due course.

Stating that the MCC will be facilitating online property tax payment system soon, she said the MCC hopes to collect Rs. 157.70 crore as property tax this year (2020-21).

Referring to water tax and UGD charges collection, she said that the MCC had set a target of Rs. 89.24 crore, out of which Rs.55.64 cr. has been collected so far. The target for this year on this account has been set at Rs.86.25 crore, she noted.

She further said that the MCC hopes to collect Rs. 9.92 crore from Building licence fee, Road-digging fee, Betterment fee, Inspection fee, Water connection fee, Building Completion Report (CR) fee, UGD fee, Penalty etc. The MCC has set a target of Rs.8 crore revenue collection from Trade licence renewal fee, she added.

K. Nirmala, Chairperson, MCC's Standing Committee on Finance, Taxation and Appeals, presenting the budget this morning.

Referring to MCC's collection of rentals from the properties owned by it, she said that the MCC hopes to earn Rs.2.93 crore as rent from commercial complexes, markets and other buildings.

On Central and State Govt. grants, Nirmala said that the MCC had hoped for Rs.39.35 crore from the State's open fund for the year 2019-20. But Rs. 26.66 crore has been received till March 2020 end and the Govt. has sanctioned Rs.19.39 crore grant from this fund for the current year (2020-21).

Stating that the MCC has received in full Rs.71.86 crore which it had sought for payment of power bills in respect of street lights and water pumping stations, she said that the Government has sanctioned Rs.75.23 crore on this account for the current year.

She further said that the MCC received Rs.64.94 crore from the State Finance Commission as grant towards wages of MCC officials and other employees in 2019-20 and the Government has allocated Rs. 68.52 crore towards the same account this year. Continuing, Nirmala said that this year, the Government is expected to release Rs.25 crore under Mahatma Gandhi City Development Plan and Rs.15 crore for comprehensive development of Chamaraja Assembly segment.

Rs.5 crore Dasara grant

The MCC is also expecting Rs.1 crore from the State Government towards addressing drinking water woes during summer, Rs.5 crore as Dasara special grant in the first instalment, Rs.2 crore for construction of houses for Pourakarmikas and Rs.50 lakh under JNNURM scheme. Highlighting MCC's plans, she said that D. Devaraj Urs Road in the heart of the city will be developed at a cost of Rs. 5 crore and Rs.4 crore has been allotted for construction of multi-level parking lots near the KSRTC Sub-urban bus stand and near Gaadi Chowk.

Rs.10 lakh each for 65 Wards

The MCC has earmarked Rs.10 lakh for each of the 65 Wards for distribution of face masks, hand sanitisers and grocery kits to the poor and needy during COVID-19 lockdown, she added.

Mayor Tasneem, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Opposition leader M.U. Subbaiah and several other Corporators and officials were present at the budget meeting.

Minister seeks opinion of parents on starting Primary classes

Bengaluru, May 18 (KMS&DM)- In a bid to end the confusion regarding re-opening of schools amid the lockdown, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar has sought the opinion and also suggestions from parents.

In a Facebook post on Sunday evening, Suresh Kumar said that many parents have been urging for a late start of LKG, UKG and Primary classes in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the virus spreading across the country, the parents are scared to send their children to schools.

At the same time some employed couples have maintained that an early start of schools is better. As such, seeking to end the confusion, he has asked parents to send their opinion and suggestions regarding the re-opening of schools, he said.

Obituary

Jayamma

Mysuru, May 18- Jayamma (87), wife of late Y.N. Basavaraju, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind two sons including Sathyanarayan, a retired KSRTC official, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam, according to family sources.

Balraj

Balraj (46), an employee of a private bank and a resident of KHB Colony in Nanjangud, passed away at Jayadeva Hospital in city on Saturday. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, mother, brothers, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday afternoon.

Citizens demand plying of autos, cabs

Mysuru, May 18 (YDS&DM)- With the city slowly opening up following relaxations in lockdown curbs, citizens have demanded plying of private transport vehicles such as autos, cabs and maxicabs to ferry people to the city from various localities and other parts of the district.

With no public transport in place, people have urged the District Administration to permit autos, cabs, maxicabs to operate as it would be of great help especially for the working class and people who do not own vehicles.

Highlighting that allowing public passenger vehicles to ply will hugely help during emergency situations, they wanted the administration to consider their demand, in this difficult time of COVID-19 lockdown.

A view of city's commercial hub D. Devaraj Urs Road this afternoon. There was heavy traffic on the stretch and many motorists were struggling to find a slot for parking.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Learning Life's Lessons from Fali S. Nariman: India's Advocate Extraordinaire ! – 1

Eight years ago I walked into our local Sapna Book House and bought a book titled "Fali S. Nariman, Before Memory Fades..." It was an autobiography in the form of a collection of reminiscences.

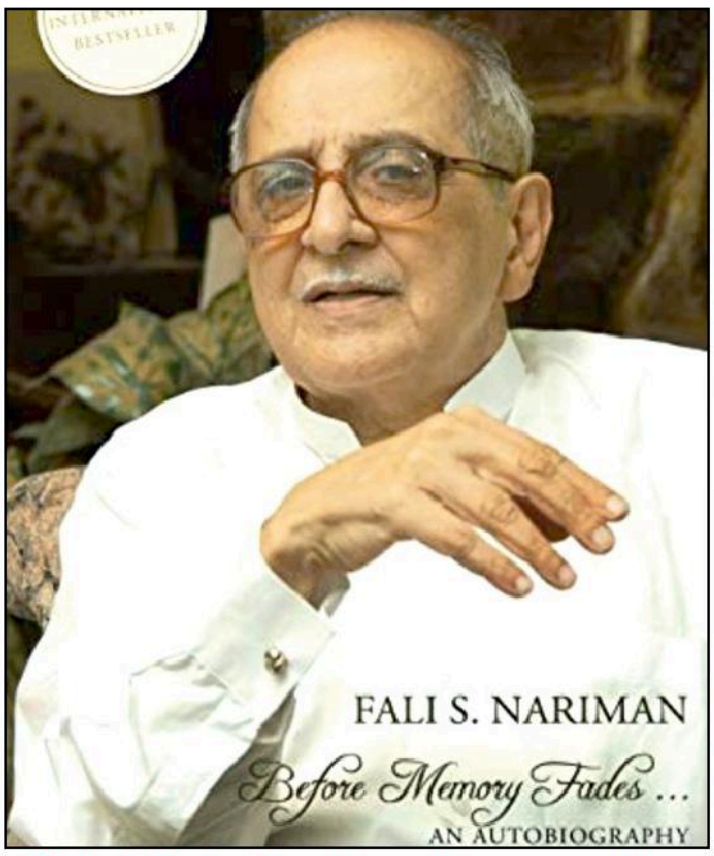
Having studied law and served as an 'adjournment' lawyer, or as Nariman says of this period as "More watching than Pleading," for a senior before making a course-correction in my career, I was interested to know about this celebrity lawyer who made it to the acme of this competitive profession. A refugee from Burma following Japanese occupation of Burma during the World War II, he was born on 10, January 1929 at the General Hospital in Rangoon, then British India. He is of Persian ancestry (Iran), his religion being Zoroastrian (Parsi).

Interestingly, our Congress politician and former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh who, after a visit to Azerbaijan, once part of Persia (Iran), wrote, with apparent desire to please Fali Nariman that when he was in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, he saw the statue of Azerbaijan's famous politician Nariman Narimanov and told his 'guide' that "one of India's best known lawyers and one of India's most lovable public personalities is also Nariman."

Here, I recall the words of Brutus in the Shakespearean play "Julius Caesar" wherein Brutus says, "But when I tell him he hates flatterers, He says he does, being then most flattered." But I must hasten to say here that neither Jairam Ramesh is Brutus nor Nariman the Caesar in this context. I was only thinking of shades of flattery in our life! Let it be.

However, the instant response from Fali Nariman shows him as a humble and noble person sans pretentions. He writes to Jairam thanking him for the information but says, "...But I assure you we were and are Parsi Zoroastrian (of Persian origin) hailing from India! But how sweet of you to have thought of me in such affectionate terms."

Yes, the word "sweet." The Oxford thesaurus had many synonyms for the word sweet. May be, sweet Fali Nariman chose the word as befitting a person like Jairam Ramesh, known to be highly courteous and nuanced. Let this pass for now.



He then talks about how 'Some unknown person' gives you a helping hand. This is what he says, "Life is full of surprises. Whether you do or do not believe in Destiny or in Providence or in God, be sure that — out of the blue — some stranger, some unknown person, at one time or the other, will reach out and give you a helping hand as you journey along on the rough roads of life. I had no 'Godfathers' in Bombay. But God helped."

The thin Chapter One of the book is where I discovered the 'destiny' of each man playing its role as the man moves along in his life's journey. I found the very essence of the whole book in this Chapter. The rest of the book simply deals with pursuit of life in its various, multiple forms common to all human beings — as pursuing a profession, finding a spouse, begetting children, working hard to earn money, gain name, position and fame.

I guess in each individual's life, anywhere in the world, there appears to be many turning points. Each turning point will shape the future of the man. Fali Nariman says, "Our arrival in New Delhi marked the first turning point in my life — landing as a refugee from Burma, uprooted from home and hearth."

According to Fali Nariman, the next turning point in his life was when he joined the Bombay Bar in November 1950.

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After working as a trainee — apprentice in a law firm — he was very lucky (and this could also be a third turning point) to secure entry into one of the most prestigious 'Chambers' in Bombay — the Chambers of Sir Jamshedji Kanga. He never looked back thereafter.

Kanga's Chamber was in the High Court building and Fali Nariman gives the reader an insight into three different impressions of JUSTICE as depicted in the carvings on the stone facade of the High Court building.

In short, the **Victorian Model or Ideal of Justice** (with the lady standing blindfolded), **the Indian Model or Ideal of Justice** where the lady is not blindfolded and in the third Model the architect has carved, at the base of the High Court building tower, the face and front paws of a monkey! Is it the **Architect's Model of Justice!?** Well, does he suggest that if Law, as said in jest, is an ass, Justice is a monkey? I do not know. Fali Nariman was silent.

Rightly, Nariman emphasises the importance of the Senior Advocate (Lawyer's Chamber) in whose office a junior or apprentice lawyer begins his career. According to Nariman, when one has to name the great and famous lawyers, it is like also mentioning the "Chamber." He says, it reminded him that "When you mention a famous race horse, they ask you, 'from which stable?' The stable is important. It establishes the ancestry and the breed."

Likewise, "When you name a (great and famous) lawyer who has done well, people ask: From which Chamber?" The Chamber is important. Nariman was lucky to start his career from Kanga's Chambers.

Nariman recalls a story, told by Kanga, about founding of the famous Willingdon Sports Club in Bombay. Lord Willingdon, Governor of Bombay (1913-1918), had invited (an Indian) Sir Mahadeva Bhaskar Chaubal, Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, who was visiting Bombay, to a lunch at the famous exclusive Club for whites only, known as Byculla Club. The lunch was arranged but when the chief guest Sir Bhaskar Chaubal arrived at the Byculla Club he was refused admission. 'No Indians please,' said the Club Management to him at the door. The story does not say what the Governor Lord Willingdon did except feeling 'furious' when the Club overruled the Governor's guest-list. The story does not also say how and where the Indian-origin chief guest was served luncheon.

The story goes that Lord Willingdon then decided to establish such a Club where there are no distinction and a man of sufficient social position can be admitted. Interestingly, Sir M.B. Chaubal was one of its Founder-Members! Politics keeps changing, society keeps evolving so also individual man's life guided by providence and destiny. There are many gems Fali Nariman has adorned the book with that relate to humanity.

He writes about the manner successful people should display humane quality while dealing with fellow employees, specially. He writes about one J.M. Thakore, nephew of the legendary lawyer Motilal Setalvad. When Gujarat State was formed, he was appointed the State's Advocate General.

Nariman writes a particularly touching and revealing quality of J.M. Thakore recalling what he told Nariman many years ago. **Here it is: That J.M. Thakore firmly believed that a successful lawyer should not disturb the even order of things. For instance, you don't dispense with members of your staff however old and inefficient they have become. If you have made progress in life, it is because of the good fortune not of yourself alone, but of persons around you as well, including those who are dependent on you.**

After recounting another similar incident related to Sir Dinshah Mulla and his wife, Nariman with great humility, humbling himself for a great lawyer that he is, writes: "Great lawyers instinctively know that luck or providence — call it what you will — plays such a major role in their lives and in their success, that they never push it too hard!"

Pardon me, I may sound immodest when I say that in all my life as a small-time entrepreneur I have followed the ideal enunciated by J.M. Thakore and another Sir Dinshah Mulla's wife mentioned above.

[To be continued]

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CESC's COVID-stalled underground power cabling works resume

Mysuru, May 18 (RK&BCT)- The massive underground power cable laying project worth over Rs. 300 crore that was stalled due to COVID-19-induced lockdown has resumed in city. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed in another three months.

It is an estimated Rs. 600 crore project being undertaken by the State Energy Department and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company (CESC), Asian Fab Tec Limited (AFTL), Larsen & Toubro (L&T) are the implementing and supervising authorities.

The first phase of the project covers over 500 kilometres of areas in city and over 70 percent of the work has been completed. The major part of the work is toad drilling and digging that have been completed in four sub-divisions — Hootagalli, N.R. Mohalla, Kuvempunagar and City Centre. The next phase will cover another 500 kilometres and the Government is yet to make budgetary allocations.

CESC Superintending Engineer K.M. Munigopalraju told 'Star of Mysore' this morning that overhead cables hanging precariously low pose grave threat to residents and livestock. Many people have already died after being electrocuted by suspended high-tension wires. Underground cables eliminate this threat.

"Though underground cable project is more expensive than aerial bunching of cables, underground cables will help improve reliability in power supply, reduce the number of accidents caused by overhead wires, and improve the aesthetics of the city," he said.

After the road is drilled by Horizontal Direction and Drilling Machine and pits are dug up manually, the power cables are laid and drawn from one end to another. From here, connections are provided to a cluster of homes and shops in any given area, engineers explained.

The wires are a combination of High Tension (HT) 11 KV line and Low Tension (LT) line that supplies power from house to house. The LT line carries 440 volts of power. Feeder Pillar Boxes will be installed on the roadsides and these boxes will supply power to 8 to 9 houses and there will be Control Points. The moment there is some problem in the main KV line, the Control Point next to the line trips, officials said.

Leopard cubs rescued from sugarcane field

To be handed over to Mysuru Zoo if mother leopard does not take them back

Mysuru, May 18- Forest Department personnel have rescued three leopard cubs from a sugarcane field belonging to one Honnappa at Kodanahalli village in the taluk on Sunday.

The villagers, who saw the leopard cubs yesterday afternoon, informed the Forest Department personnel, who rushed to the spot and rescued them.

Speaking to 'SOM,' Range Forest Officer (RFO) M.K. Devaraju said that the leopard cubs were aged between 8 and 10 days and have been left in the forest area nearby and added that they would keep a watch over the cubs for a day to observe if the mother leopard takes them back. If the mother leopard does not take them back, the cubs would be handed over to Mysuru Zoo, he said and added that a cage would be placed later to capture the leopard.

Forest Officer Shivaraj said that two leopard cubs were found at the field in Dadadahalli of Jayapura hobli last week which were rescued and left in the nearby forest area and the mother returned and took the cubs with her before dawn and added that three leopard cubs were found in the sugarcane field at Alagodu village in Srirangapatna taluk on May 12. The leopard cubs were left at the spot and the Forest staff had kept a watch over them and the mother leopard took them back to the forest in the wee hours of yesterday, he said.

Rain pounds city

- Brings some respite to scorching heat
- Houses in low-lying areas flooded; Trees uprooted; Power lines snapped

Mysuru, May 18 (MK,RK&KS)- Moderate to heavy rains lashed city yesterday night bringing some respite to the heat from the scorching sun.

People who were reeling under hot sun since yesterday morning heaved a sigh of relief as the rain began to pour at about 7.15 pm. Though the rain stopped at about 8 pm, it began to pour heavily from 8.30 pm which continued till midnight.

Following heavy rains and wind, branches of trees fell on a few power lines snapping them resulting in a few areas plunging into darkness. Also, rain water overflowed from clogged drains in low- lying areas resulting in rain water entering some houses. The residents had a tough time removing rain water from their houses. In Besthara Block 3rd Cross, sewage water overflowed from a drain and entered houses resulting in the residents spending sleepless night draining out the water.

The residents alleged that drains have been constructed unscientifically in the area resulting in rain water not flowing smoothly and added that during rains, sewage water mixed with rain water overflows from the drain and gushes into houses.

They also said that sewage water gets stagnant inside the drain resulting in foul smell emanating from it and added that there has been an increase in mosquitoes and fear of contagious diseases lurking the people. While a huge tree was uprooted on Sanmarga 8th Cross in Siddarthanagar, a huge branch of a tree fell on SJCE Road in Manasagangothri. The Abhaya team of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), who rushed to these spots, managed to clear the fallen tree and branches from the road.

Meanwhile, a CESC Officer said that following heavy rains yesterday night, a few trees and tree branches fell on power lines at Mysuru city, Varuna, Devalapura and other places, plunging many places into darkness. He further said that repair works are being undertaken and power supply would be restored soon.

KSRTC workers seek Health Insurance cover meant for Corona Warriors

Mysuru, May 18 (SPN&DM)- KSRTC workers have urged the Government to cover them under the Special Health Insurance Scheme meant for Corona Warriors, who are engaged in the battle against COVID-19.

In an appeal to the Government, the Mysuru Rural Unit of KSRTC Staff and Workers Union said that the Government recently introduced a Special Health Scheme for Corona Warriors, according to which they are entitled for a compensation of Rs.30 lakh in case of death due to contraction of the disease.

Maintaining that KSRTC staff too work under risk, they demanded that they also be covered under the Scheme.

Their other demands included hiking of compensation to family members from the existing Rs.3 lakh to Rs.10 lakh in case of death while on duty; an end to delay in reimbursement of medical and hospitalisation expenses and effective implementation of Jyothi Sanjeevini Health Scheme for KSRTC workers.

The Union General Secretary M.P. Nagaprasad wanted the Government to clarify on who should meet the medical expenses in case KSRTC workers contract the deadly COVID-19 while on duty post- lockdown.

All Shelter Camps closed except at Youth Hostel

• Some get jobs, some head back home • A sum of Rs.45,000 earned by making paper covers

Mysuru, May 18 (MK& BNR)- Among the five Shelter Camps opened at various places by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in view of nationwide lockdown, all have been closed except the one set up at Youth Hostel in city. The Shelter Camps at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Neramballi Kalyana Mantapa, Nityotsava Kalyana Mantapa and Hoysala Karnataka Sangha premises have now been closed.

"Among the 93 shelterless people who were housed at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Credit-I and MCC have provided permanent jobs to 90 members. Those who wanted to return to their native places have been sent back home. Attempts are also made to send the shelterless people housed at Youth Hostel back to their homes. In the coming days, plans are afloat to house shelterless women at Youth Hostel and men at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry," said MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde.

Rs.45,000 earned

Shelterless people housed at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry have so far collectively earned a sum of Rs.45,000 by making paper covers. A total of 800 kg paper covers were sold to a private institution in the presence of DC Abhiram G. Sankar and amount so earned was distributed depending on the number of covers each person had prepared, before closing the Shelter Camp, sources said.

No entry for visitors from 4 States

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After the meeting with his Ministers and Officials, Yediyurappa said all Government buses would be allowed to run, except in Containment and Red Zones. Only 30 passengers would be allowed in the buses to ensure social distancing. Autorickshaws, cab aggregators — Ola and Uber — would also be allowed to run taxis from tomorrow.

A 14-day quarantine would remain mandatory for all the domestic and international passengers. Karnataka would be under a "total lockdown" on Sundays, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Ashwath Narayan said, adding that only essential services will be allowed. "Parks will be opened from tomorrow," he added.

The State Government has also ordered that no inter-State trains except Shramik Special trains and special trains to and from Delhi as announced by the Railways will not be operated until May 31. However, inter-district trains will be allowed to ply.

Among other important announcements, the Chief Minister said that people will be fined by the Police for not wearing masks in all public places and on all public transport modes. To discourage travellers from coming into the State, the Chief Minister has ordered that the existing standard operation procedure for all inter-State passengers to undergo institutional quarantine will remain in place under further orders.

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Their bike was intercepted at Bherya check-post and the trio was put under institutional quarantine at Morarji School in Arakere. One of them, P-1225, a 46-year-old male, has now tested positive and is being treated at the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road.

At Kodagu: Today, the Green Zone district of Kodagu reported its second positive case. The first positive case in the district was discharged from the Madikeri COVID Hospital in the first week of April. The latest case to be found positive is P -1224, a 45-year-old female.

As per communication from Kodagu Deputy Commissioner, on May 14, the woman was issued a pass to enter Kodagu through Sampaje check-post and on her arrival, she was sent to Madikeri COVID Hospital as she showed symptoms of cold, fever. She tested positive later and she had no primary contact.

Full impact of COVID-19 still not known, says doctor

'Every citizen should play a role in this war against the pandemic'

Mysuru, May 18- Dr. M.G. Satish Kumar, Consultant Internal Medicine at Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, says that full impact of COVID-19 is still not known and the present condition is still the tip of the iceberg. Only suppression and mitigation are important to combat the disease, he reasoned.

"With many countries adopting lockdown to overcome the spread of the disease, the idea of heavy lockdown was to slow down the spread of infection and give time for the administration to prepare adequate healthcare facilities. Prevention remains the only option against the virus with vaccines still being researched and the standard drug therapy unavailable," he added.

The longer the virus continues without a cure, the more pressure will be on individuals, systems and nations to change and adapt. When social normalcy is restored, there is bound to be a surge of transmission and an increase in patients requiring hospital care.

"The highly contagious virus has not disappeared and we are in the delicate and dangerous stage of the Coronavirus outbreak. To further avoid the exponential rise of the infection one needs to be responsible. Each of us is now responsible for the others," the doctor said.

The understanding of this infectious disease and its prevention is different than compared to 1919 Influenza pandemic and most of the countries face the same challenge with COVID-19. Two strategies — suppression and mitigation — are important to combat the disease. While suppression is to reduce the viral reproduction, mitigation is to reduce the human to human transmission, he said.

The task is uphill and every citizen should play a role in this war against the pandemic. Being responsible is to restrict travel, wear masks, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, social distancing, impose strict curbs on public activity would help in a long way to slow done the highly infectious disease. The individuals who have symptoms or confused about the ailments should seek opinion of the doctors, get tested and follow the recommendations.

COVID-19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	5,475
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	4,773
Persons isolated in home for 14 days (Inter-State travellers)	:	701
Persons isolated in hospital for active cases	:	1
Total samples tested	:	6,194
Samples found negative	:	6,103
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	91
Persons cured / discharged	:	90
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	89
Persons cured / discharged	:	21
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	1,246
Persons cured / discharged	:	530
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	37
Total active cases in India	:	56,316
Persons cured / discharged	:	36,823
Death toll so far in India	:	3,029

(Note: Figures till 5 pm)

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